



**United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service
South Carolina Crop Progress
and Condition Report**



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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 22, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain to 1.0 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the mid 50s.

County Comments

Cooler nighttime temperatures and dryer conditions are helping area cotton and peanut farmers harvest this year's crop. Soybeans are starting to shed leaves, and harvest is set to begin in a couple weeks.

Rusty Skipper, Horry County

Cotton and peanut harvest is full speed ahead while experiencing dryer weather. As harvest continues, we are seeing that cotton appears to have experienced minimal damage from Hurricane Irma in most areas of the county. Soybeans are nearly ready for harvest as many are dropping leaves quickly.

Matthew Wannamaker, Lexington County

Due to good weather conditions, harvest is progressing well. Fall greens that are irrigated are progressing well, but dryland greens are not progressing much. Direct-seeded greens are spotty, having germinated only where there was adequate soil moisture.

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County

A week of cooler temperatures, sunny days, and no measurable rainfall allowed harvest of peanuts, cotton, and soybeans to move along at a good pace. Most growers are pleased with crop yields. Growers have slowed all fall planting to focus on crop harvesting. Most areas need a good rain.

Hugh B. Gray, Allendale County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/22/17

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	99	97	95	91
Cotton - Harvested	42	29	19	22
Hay - 3rd Cutting	83	78	NA	NA
Oats - Planted	20	10	4	NA
Peanuts - Dug	83	80	NA	NA
Peanuts - Harvested.....	57	50	39	53
Rye - Planted	14	4	5	NA
Soybeans - Dropping				
Leaves	69	67	60	46
Soybeans - Harvested....	9	6	4	NA
Winter wheat - Planted...	14	12	6	21

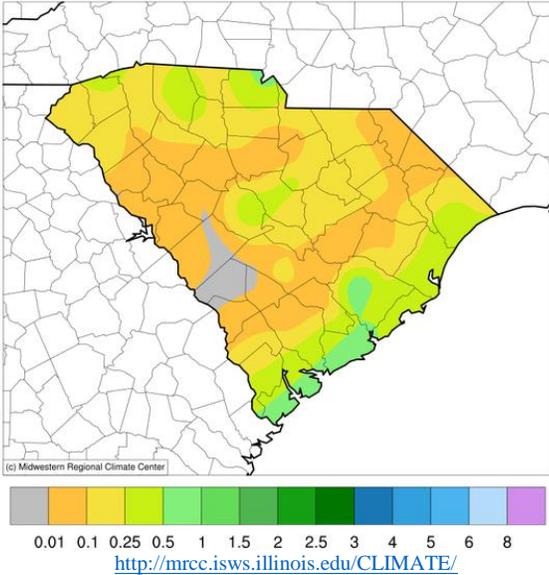
Crop Condition for Week Ending 10/22/17

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	0	24	73	3
Cotton	0	0	15	51	34
Pasture and range.....	0	6	31	59	4
Soybeans	0	1	21	54	24

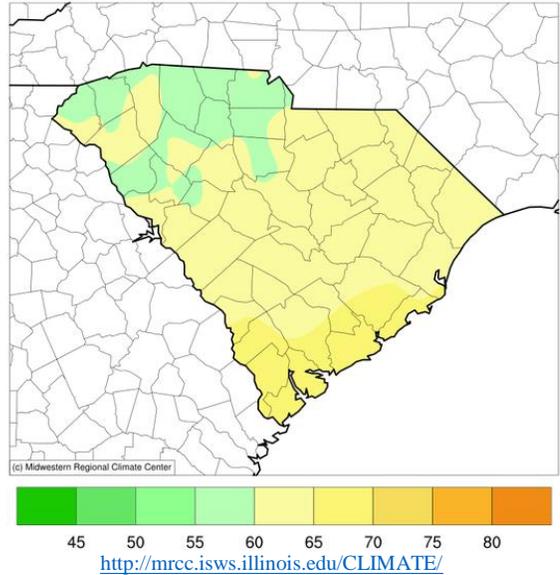
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/22/17

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	5	5	5
Short.....	42	34	32
Adequate.....	53	57	56
Surplus.....	0	4	7
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	2	NA
Short.....	40	28	NA
Adequate.....	60	66	NA
Surplus.....	0	4	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
October 16, 2017 to October 22, 2017



Average Temperature (°F)
October 16, 2017 to October 22, 2017



For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2017.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

October 17, 2017

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Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	60.27	39.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 10-10-2017	68.19	31.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 07-18-2017	99.90	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2017	27.80	72.20	30.28	19.83	4.12	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-26-2017	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 10-18-2016	73.78	26.22	17.94	13.41	2.10	0.00

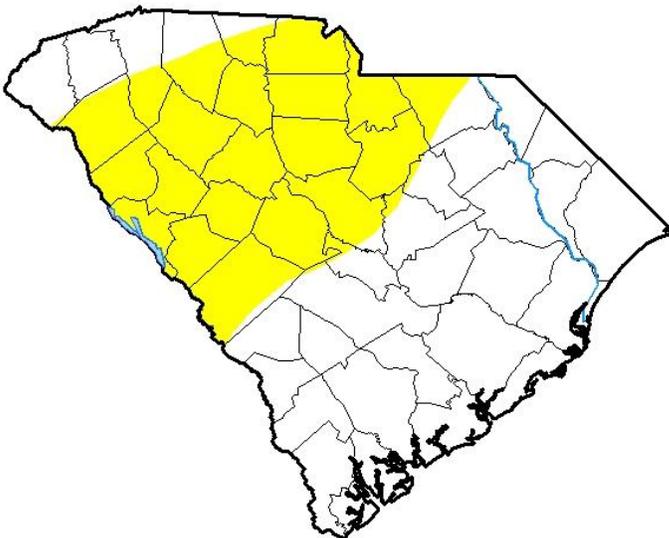
Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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